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SUBJECT: MENTEN BACK IN HOLLAND

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THE POLITICAL FORTUNES OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS' LEADER
ANDREAS VAN AGT HAVE BEEN BOOSTED WITH THE RETURN OF ACCUSED
WAR CRIMINAL PIETER MENTEN. MENTEN ARRIVED HERE IN CUSTODY
ON DECEMBER 22 AFTER THE SWISS CABINET EXPELLED HIM TO
HOLLAND ON THE CONDITION THAT HE WOULD NOT BE EXTRADITED TO
ANY OTHER COUNTRY. DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE SENT FROM THE SOVIET
UNION APPARENTLY CONVINCED THE SWISS TO DECIDE AGAINST THE
FORMER FUGITIVE WHOSE ESCAPE SET OFF A POLITICAL STORM IN
THE DUTCH PARLIAMENT. MENTEN IS TO APPEAR BEFORE PUBLIC
PROSECUTOR AND IS EXPECTED TO BE TRIED NO EARLIER THAN MARCH.
VAN AGT, WHO HAS PLAYED A HIGHLY VISIBLE ROLE IN THE
NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SWISS, WILL GET AT LEAST PART OF THE
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